



(AW 08/03)

Substitute for Form 1449A/PTO
& TRADEMARK OFFICE**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

SHEET 1 of 1

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/779,973
Filing Date	February 17, 2004
First Named Inventor	Emmanuel Sedda, et al.
Art Unit	3748
Examiner Name	To Be Assigned <i>Zalalem Eshete</i>
Attorney Docket No.	GRY-117US

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)			
<i>ES</i>		US-4,533,890	08-06-1985	Patel	—
<i>ES</i>		US-4,715,332 A	12-29-1987	Kreuter	—
<i>ES</i>		US-6,216,653 B1	04-17-2001	Okada et al.	—
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
<i>ES</i>		FR 2 784 497 A	04-14-2000	Sagem	—	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>ES</i>		DE 100 03 928 A	06-07-2001	Daimler Chrysler AG	—	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>ES</i>		FR 2 822 585 A	09-27-2002	Peugeot Citroen Automobiles SA	—	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>ES</i>		JP 2001-035721 A	02-09-2001	Aisan IND Co., Ltd.	—	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>ES</i>		EP 0 504 806 A	09-23-1992	Kloekner Humboldt Deutz AG	—	<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>

Examiner
Signature*Emmanuel Sedda*Date
Considered*2/14/05*

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional).

²See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.

³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard St.3).

⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible.

⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

The collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.



(AW 08/03)

Substitute for Form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

SHEET 1 of 1

Complete If Known

Application Number	10/779,973
Filing Date	February 17, 2004
First Named Inventor	Emmanuel Sedda, et al.
Art Unit	To Be Assigned 3748
Examiner Name	To Be Assigned Zelalem Eshafe
Attorney Docket No.	GRY-117US

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code ² (If known)			
②		US-6,198,370 B1	03/06/2001	Schmitz	—
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (If known)				
②		EP 1 264 969 A	12-11-2002	Toyota Motor Co.	—	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
②		EP 1 174 595 A	01-23-2002	Peugeot Citroen Automobiles SA	—	<input type="checkbox"/>
②		EP 1 174 596 A	01-23-2002	Peugeot Citroen Automobiles SA	—	<input type="checkbox"/>
②		DE 35 00 530 A	07-10-1986	Binder Magnete	—	<input type="checkbox"/>
②		JP 2002 130510 A	05-09-2002	Toyota Motor Corp.	—	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
②		EP 0 422 228 A	04-17-1991	Isuzu Ceramics Res. Inst.	—	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
②		EP 1 010 866 A	06/21/2000	Toyota Motor Co.	—	<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>

Examiner
SignatureDate
Considered

2/14/05

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional).

²See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.

³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard St.3).

⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible.

⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

The collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

SHEET 1 of 2

Complete if Known

Application Number

~~To Be Assigned~~

10/779, 973

Filing Date

Herewith

First Named Inventor

Emmanuel Sedda, et al.

Art Unit

~~For Be Assigned~~

3748

Examiner Name

~~To Be Assigned~~

Zelalem Eshete

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (If known)				
(2)		EP 0 816 644 A	01-07-1998	Toyota Motor Co., Ltd.	Col. 5, line 39 - col. 6, line 52; All Figures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Examiner
Signature**

2nd day 3rd

Date _____

Considered

2/14/05

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional).

²See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.

²Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard St.3).

*For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

*Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible.

⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

The collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Substitute for Form 1449B/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

SHEET 2 of 2

Complete if Known

Application Number	To Be Assigned 10/779,973
Filing Date	Herewith
First Named Inventor	Emmanuel Sedda, et al.
Art Unit	To Be Assigned 3748
Examiner Name	To Be Assigned Zelalem Eshete
Attorney Docket No.	GRY-117US

NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T ²
(2)		French Search Report dated November 5, 2003 (3 pages).	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	3/23/05
-----------------------	---	--------------------	---------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional).

²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

The collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 120 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.